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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the beginning on page 16, line 23, as follows:

In Figure 10 a similar illustrative embodiment of an absorbent element 5 having a deformable zone 30 is shown in flat form. The absorbent element here comprises two separate absorption bodies 30, 31 fitted one on top of the other, the one with greater extent, absorption body 30 which serves as the deformable zone, being thinner and having substantially lower bending resistance than the two absorption bodies together.